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FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$2,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED-UP \$21,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$23,000,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS :
Wm. Kewick, Esq.—Chairman,
Adol. von Andé, Esq. F. D. Sassoon, Esq.
Egbert Ivey, Esq. H. D. Stewart, Esq.
David McLean, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE :
The Hon. C. P. Chater | Thos. Hon. J. Bell-Irving.
H. Hopkins, Esq.

Head Office—3, Princes Street, London.
Branches—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and
Shanghai.
Agencies—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST,
ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained
on application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1893. [199]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

LATE

THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE
BANK OF INDIA, LONDON
AND CHINA.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL \$1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED \$1,125,000

BANKERS :

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum, on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS :—

For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [193]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital \$1,000,000

Subscribed Capital \$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors :—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tang Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. W. W. Wotton, Esq.
C. J. Hirst, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai,
Amoy and Foochow.

BANKERS :—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ed.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS 2 "

Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. [18]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the half-year
ending 31st December, 1892, at the rate
of 1/1 per cent. per share of \$125
is PAYABLE on and after TUESDAY, the
26th instant, at the Offices of the CORPORATION,
where Shareholders are requested to apply for
Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

F. D. BOVIS,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 27th February, 1893. [272]

Masonic.

ZETLAND LODGE,
No. 525.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 6th
instant, at 8.30 for a p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1893. [191]

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE NEXT COMPETITION will take
place TO-MORROW, the 4th March,
when Mr. SASSOON'S CUP will be shot for.
Ranges, 200 and 300 yards.

ED. ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1893. [151]

HONGKONG SMOKING CONCERT CLUB.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS :—
THE NEXT CONCERT will be held TO-
MORROW, March 4th, at 9.15 P.M., in
the THEATRE ROYAL.—Major H. FAITHFULL,
Hongkong Regiment, in the Chair.

Members are reminded that they MUST show
Membership Tickets at the door.

JAMES A. LOWSON,
Hon. Sec.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1893. [186]

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Hongkong, 21st February, 1893. [151]

Intimations.

EXAMPLES OF THE COST
OF ASSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30
NEXT BIRTHDAY.

\$1,000 STG. payable at death, would
cost per quarter at the rate of
\$6 18 0 (a) If premiums are payable for
whole of life;
or \$9 11 6 (b) If premiums are limited to 20
years;
or \$11 5 0 (c) If premiums are limited to 15
years;
or \$13 0 0 (d) If the sum assured is made
payable at age 50, or at
death if previous.

* Secured payments.

THE same provisions will commence at age 40
if b. would cost respectively (a) \$8.15.0,
(b) \$11.5.0, (c) \$13.2.4, (d) \$17.0.8 per quarter.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents,

679—4 STANDARD LIFE OFFICE

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON-TIME INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TALES \$600,000, \$83,333.33-
EQUAL TO \$318,000.
RESERVE FUND \$318,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YEEU MOON, Esq.

LOU TEO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, R & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1889. [869]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST:
Hongkong, 21st February, 1893. [173]

STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of this COMPANY
will be held at the Head Office,
SINGAPORE, on FRIDAY, the 17th March, at
NOON.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from 3rd to 17th March, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

WM. MACBEAN,
Agent,

Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1893. [142]

NOTICE.

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 6 PER CENT. per
Share for the Six months ending 31st
December, 1892, DECLARED at Tuesday's
Ordinary Yearly Meeting, will be PAYABLE
at the Premises of the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and
after WEDNESDAY, the 1st March, and Share-
holders are requested to apply for Dividend
Warrants at the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya
Central.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1893. [276]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1893. [17]

NOTICE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

NOTICE.

BLACK GUT TENNIS BATS, Ivory handles.

BLACK GUT TENNIS BATS, Cedar handles.

SLAZENGER'S "DEMON" TENNIS BATS.

AYRESS'S "CHAMPION" TENNIS BALLS.

AYRESS'S "WIMBLEDON" TENNIS BALLS.

L. G. & C. CO.'S "OLYMPIAN" TENNIS BALLS, \$4 per dozen.

"CAVENDISH" SETS POLES AND NETS.

"EUREKA" POLES. CHEAP ASH POLES.

STEAM-TARRED NETS. COPPER ROPE for tops of nets.

BAT PRESSES, TENNIS BAGS, BAT-OIL,

TENNIS SHOES.

LAWN MOWING MACHINES. (The "Paris," \$17.

(The "Henley," \$13.50.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1893. [1071]

NOTICE.

CENTRAL HOTEL,
SHANGHAI.

NOTICE.

THE long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the

centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with

the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites

and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHÉ, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated

to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1893.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamer.

N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—“CENTRAL, SHANGHAI.”

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

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W. POWELL & CO.

COIR MATTINGS.

COIR MATTINGS.

COIR DOOR MATS.

LINOLEUMS AND FLOOR OILCLOTHS.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1893. [1079]

Intimations.

W. ROBINSON & CO.
(UNIVERSAL HOTEL) HONGKONG.

PIANO TUNING
SATISFACTORY WORK GUARANTEED.

SINGLE TUNING \$5.00
6 TUNINGS A YEAR \$35.00 PER ANNUM.

12 do. do. \$48.00 do.

INCLUDING MINOR REPAIRS AND THE KEEPING OF THE PIANO IN GOOD
ORDER AND CONDITION.

PIANOS BOUGHT, SOLD OR TAKEN IN EXCHANGE, PACKED, REMOVED AND
STORED.

Intimations.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

SELECTIONS FROM OUR LIST OF WINES AND SPIRITS.

WE beg to invite careful attention to the following List of WINES & SPIRITS, for we have succeeded in combining purity and excellence of quality with moderate prices.

BRANDY.

	Per Case.	Per Bottle.
OLD PALE COGNAC, O.P.	\$1.00	1.00
SUPERIOR OLD COGNAC, V.O.P.	1.20	1.20
AN OLD LIQUEUR COGNAC, O.L.	1.50	1.50
THE FINEST LIQUEUR COGNAC, 20 years old, V.O.L.	2.00	1.75

WHISKY.

	Per Case.	Per Bottle.
LOCHABER.—An old Scotch whisky...	8	0.75
F. O. S.—A blend of the finest whiskies produced in Scotland, matured in Sherry wood...	10	1.00
Liqueur.—A very rare old Scotch whisky, Square bottle...	12	1.00
IRISH.—John Jameson's...	9	0.80
AMERICAN.—Genoa old Bourbon...	10	1.00

GIN.

	Per Case.	Per Bottle.
GENEVA, A.V.H.—15 large bottles in case...	6	0.50
KEY BRAND GENEVA.—Finest procurable...	7	0.60
OLD TOM...	5	0.45
DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & CO., LTD., Victoria Dispensary, Hongkong.		
Hongkong, 1st March, 1893.		[38]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD. WINES AND SPIRITS.

WE invite attention to the following Brands, all of which are excellent quality and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our London House, and bought direct from the most noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best growths at moderate prices.

In ordering it is only necessary to state the name and quality of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

PORTS. (For Invalids and general Use).

	Per Case.	Per Bottle.
A Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule...	\$10	1.00
B Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule...	12	1.10
C Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule...	14	1.25
D Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled)...	18	1.50

SHERRIES.

	Per Case.	Per Bottle.
A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule...	6	0.60
B Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule...	7.50	0.75
C Manganilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule...	10	1.00
D Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule...	10	1.00

COLONIAL INSTITUTE.

At the twenty (20)th Anniversary of the Institute at which all the Colonial Agents were present with Lord Lansbury presiding it was resolved that the real solution of Imperial federation is an Imperial Conference, but that it would be inopportune to summon that now when Great Britain is passing through a grave political crisis.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Gnat* left Bombay for this port on the 1st inst.

THE Chinese man-of-war *Kiang Kai* is reported to have got off the rocks opposite Wong-shi-kong on February 20th, apparently none the worse for her mishap.

ACCORDING to the *Peking Gazette*, of the 16th January the Dowager Empress allowed Tz. 20,000 from her private purse for the sufferers from the late inundations in Chihli.

THE Empress of China is reported to have allowed a deduction of thirty per cent. on tribute from the provinces of Kiangsu and Chekiang, in consequence of last year's drought.

At the Magistracy to-day a Chinese "merchant" was committed for trial at the next Sessions on a charge of cheating to the extent of \$100 by means of a *ken-tee-kuk*, or "confidence trick."

THE Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, according to a Singapore paper, is reported to have purchased the Singapore premises of the N.Y. Oriental Bank for the sum of £16,000.

THE *Yankee Mail* publishes a special telegram, dated Washington, 18th February, stating that the United States Government had signed a Treaty of Annexation with the Commissioners from Hawaii.

THE Ocean Co.'s steamer *Monsoon*, from San-dakan, which arrived in port this morning, reported having spoken the British bark *William Le Lachere* on the 20th ultmo, lat. 10° 30' N. and long. 117° 45' E.

MADEIRA AND CHAMPAGNES.

FULL PARTICULARS OF VARIOUS BRANDS ON APPLICATION.

BRANDY.

	Per Case.	Per Bottle.
A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule...	\$1.20	1.20
B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule...	1.40	1.40
C Very Old Liqueur Cognac...	1.75	1.75
D Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872, Vintage, Red Capsule...	3.00	2.50

WHISKY.

SCOTCH.

	Per Case.	Per Bottle.
A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule...	8	0.75
B Watson's Glenorchy Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark...	8	0.75
C Watson's Aclon-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark...	8	0.75
D Watson's H.K. D. Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule...	10	1.00

E Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule... 12 | 1.10 |

Daniel Rawford's Finest Very Old Scotch Whisky... 10 | 1.00 |

IRISH.

A John Jameson's Old Green Capsule... 8 | 0.75 |

B John Jameson's Finest Old Green Capsule... 10 | 1.00 |

C John Jameson's Very Fine Old Green Capsule... 12 | 1.10 |

AMERICAN.

Genoa Bourbon Whisky, Fine Old, Red Capsule, with our Name & Trade Mark... 10 | 1.00 |

GIN.

A Fine Old Tom, White Capsule... 4.50 | 0.40 |

B Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule... 4.50 | 0.40 |

C Fine A. V. H. Geneva... 5.25 | 0.50 |

RUM.

Fine Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule... 12 | 1.00 |

Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule... 12 | 1.00 |

Good Leeward Island, Fine per Gallon.

Good Leeward Island, Fine per Gallon.

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1893.

The *Shanghai Mercury* und stands that the China Mail steamer *Yehsin* is being converted into a cargo hulk for one of the Yangtze ports.

ABOUT biblical authors from the *Boston Gazette*. If you are getting lay, watch James if your faith is below par, read Paul. If you are impatient, sit down quietly and have a talk with Job. If you are just a little strong-headed, go and see Moses. If you are getting weak-kneed, take a look at Elijah. If there is no strength in your heart, listen to David. If you are getting sorrowful, speak with Isaiah. If you feel chilly, get the beloved Disciple to put his arms around you. If you are losing sight of the future, climb up to Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.

The *Shanghai Mercury* learns from a reliable Native source that Hu Yuen-mei, formerly Tientsin Taoist, but promoted last year to the post of Provincial Judge of Kwang-si, will take the place of Hsu Fuh-ch'en, Chinese Minister to the Court of St. James, whose term will expire some time during the current year. *Agosto* of the above, a telegram received from Kwai-lin, capital of Kwang-si, by the Chinese authorities at Shanghai, states that Hu Yuen-mei took over the seals of the Provincial Treasurer on the 2nd February as Acting *Intial*, vice Huang, who becomes Acting *Intial* of Kuang-si in place of H.E. Chang, who was to leave for Peking on the 26th ult, for an Imperial Audience.

BIRTH.

At Tien-tsin, on the 15th January, the wife of HENRY ST. CLAIR KNOX, of a daughter.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

TELEGRAMS.

THE SILVER QUESTION.

LONDON, March 2nd.

A motion brought forward by Sir H. M. Thompson urging the Government to use its influence to bring about a re-assembly of the Brussels Conference and to impress upon the British delegates the necessity of some effective remedy for the evils attaching to the present divergence between the values of gold and silver was rejected by 229 to 148 votes.

After the division the House agreed, undivided, to an amendment by Mr. E. W. Beckett that any modelling with the Single Standard was open to the gravest objections and that it was not expedient for the Government to procure a re-assembly of the Conference.

MR. ROBINSON stated that the plaintiff sought to obtain from the Court an injunction to restrain the defendants from interfering with his rights and privileges as a member of the Hongkong Jockey Club, from which he alleged he had been wrongfully expelled. It was agreed on both sides that the foundation of the jurisdiction of the Court in this case must be the protection of some right or property; and the defendants objected that the members of this Club had no such right or property of any sort. Accordingly issues had been framed in order to try the preliminary question whether the Court had jurisdiction to entertain the petition or not. A further objection was raised that since the date of expulsion plaintiff had failed to tender his subscription as stipulated in the rules and therefore had no ground of action; but plaintiff replied that the action of defendants released him. The evidence as to these two issues was not contested on either side and was all contained in certain documents—rules, minutes of the Race Fund and Jockey Club; account books; and correspondence. These were all admitted on both sides, and the case rested on what inferences could be drawn. The pleadings were as follows:

PETITION.

—The Plaintiff, the Editor and Proprietor of "The Hongkong Telegraph" newspaper, and resides at Pedder's Hill, Hongkong.

—The defendants are gentlemen, all residing in Victoria, Hongkong, aforesaid, and are the Stewards and governing body of the Hongkong Jockey Club, for the year beginning 1st Nov., 1892.

—For more than five years the plaintiff was a subscriber to what was styled "the Race Fund" in Hongkong.

—On or about the fourth day of November, 1884, a meeting of the subscribers to the "Race Fund" of 1884 was held in the City Hall, Hongkong, at which meeting the plaintiff was present, and took part in the proceedings.

—At the meeting mentioned in the last paragraph it was proposed, and carried unanimously, "that it was desirable to place racing in Hongkong on a more satisfactory footing and for that purpose to organise a permanent Racing Association"; and another resolution at the said meeting was duly carried and was as follows:—

—That the balance now standing to the credit of the Hongkong Race Fund, whether on fixed deposit or otherwise, be handed over to the Hongkong Jockey Club "and that such amount in the last mentioned resolution amounted to \$10,800, and the other resolution was:—"That all property, movable or immovable, belonging to the Race Fund be transferred to the Jockey Club together with the Funds."

—The money and properties of the Race Fund became and are now under the control of the Defendants as Stewards and governing body of the Jockey Club and the Plaintiff has a vested interest in all and every of them and every part and parcel thereof.

—On or about the 25th day of January, 1885, Rules 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47

bed to breakfast, thence to office, back to dinner and thence to sleep. The daily newspaper forms the literary effort of the day and the illustrated magazines sent by our friends in England divert our attention once a fortnight. The members of a Society of the kind we contemplate should bring with them two things, information and ignorance. Their formation they have acquired by reading and which they have thought over and incorporated is ever welcome in the present day of plethora of books, magazines and newspapers. No man can read every publication; it is with difficulty most of us can follow the literature of the subject we earn our daily bread at, let alone literary works. Therefore to even the person earned in well known novels I would say welcome. If the last novel he has read is good, he can advise us to that effect; or if it is poor, he can warn us against it. It will become a necessary adjunct to a scholar by and by to have one or two readers of books in his employ who can do jackal literary work, devising his employer what is worthy and what is worthless. Let us then help each other in advising as to what we have read and what is worth reading. I should like to hear members ask publicly, "Has any one read so and so, is it worth reading?" In many Societies talking shop is prohibited. This, however, can only apply to assemblies or men engaged at one business or trade. Now to my humble way of thinking the average man when he talks anything but shop is not worth listening to; most of us want to know as Lord Brougham did "Every thing of something and something of every thing," and it is only by men talking what they know that information can be gathered from them. Therefore I say bring the knowledge you have made your own with you and be prepared if opportunity offers to instruct others. The second quality mentioned as necessary, ignorance, needs no comment, requires no going to bring, for it is like the poor ever present with us. It is a true inheritance, for all mankind is born with it. Knowledge is so expensive an acquisition and the race for life so keen that we must all be content to be specialists in our days. If we wish to maintain ourselves or our families. The engineer has to content himself not only with engineering but with a mere section of it. The paper maker has to concern himself with the elements of his material merely and the quality of perfection he attains, but the machinery by which his paper is made is neither his invention nor under his control. It takes thirteen hands to make one pin and so in every branch of trade it is split up into sections and every man becomes a specialist in his own department. Yet the modern world demands that we shall be so encircled as we are to maintain ourselves in food and clothing. The lawyers, doctors, chemists, manufacturers, and merchants are under the same law; in fact all branches of human industry are broken up into narrow and contracted channels reducing the individual to little better than a machine for the furtherance of a particular branch of work. The modern life therefore is one of educational subtraction. As days grow to months and years most men succumb more and more to the contracting influence of their surroundings; and in time come to resemble the cast horse in their daily round of life. How then are such detrimental influences to be thwarted? I would say by such societies as the one we are now initiating. This leads me to deal with the second question. What are you to be? Who asks the question? The loiterer by the doorway; the self-conceited man who imagines that his word and opinion are final; who refuses to have his utterance doubted or discussed; who can hear no good in the utterances of others and who refuses to listen or to be instructed in a subject which is beyond the limits of his blessed thoughts. He came merely to listen what they had to say. To such a man who wished to hear what "they say" let him join the ranks of the scandal mongers with their "they say." He will find his proper sphere there and not in a community of men striving to arrive at the truth. The truth was never preceded in any biblical or scientific sense by "they say." How many cowardly thrusts and heartless injustices have been executed under the term "they say." It is the phrase of the gossip; the prelude to almost every exaggeration or perversion of the truth; the language of the intellectual man who puts off joining such a Society as this until he knows what "they say" of it. The grand motto of the "art of Keith" They say—what say they—let them say "finds no echo in the bosom of the chattering, the tattle, the self-conscious delinquent, or the intellectual sham. The university in which I studied had for its motto "The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord," and the house in which I lived had inscriptions on its lintel "They say, what say they, let them say." It is only the man who obeys the former that can "let them say." It is only the man whose conscience is clear and whose purpose is honest, who can stand the mark of a cross and shout defiance to bearers of false witness. I merely came to hear what they had to say. To an honest man with such an intention I would extend my heartiest welcome. He comes as a listener; his gift is not in the public announcement of his beliefs nor in the arena of debate; his quiet composure may induce some to believe him ignorant. But quiet books often water rich pastures, and the man who engrosses no notice may enjoy receiving benefits alibit, b rendering none, and the influence of his fair example may shine in paths unknown to the platform busker. To such a one I would say again "welcome" and would appreciate it an honour to enrol his name on the list of friends to this Society. What are you to be? What any one amongst you chooses to make us? If you—yes, you, the individual I now point at, have the ability you can make this Society the most wonderful ever known. Do not put the blame on "them." Take it home to yourself and blame yourself if this Society proves a failure or drags out an ignoble existence. It is because you had not the brains to make it a success. Let there be no mistake about this; no shuffling the responsibility on to others' shoulders; if you have the power, it is the intellectual ability you can fashion the debates to your liking; you can lead the minds of the members whether you please. You do not care to you have not the time. Work hours are long, and the climate is trying. Ah! I perceive you are but a trifling in the affairs of life whatever your years may be. No one believes you who is out of his teens and has taken his first breath of manhood and looked abroad on the world. The most proficient at work is the thinking man who has acquired information on many subjects. Some exclaim "Oh! the dabbler in many is proficient in none!" Is Sir John Lubbock the worse banker because he devotes all his time to scientific pursuits worthy of a David? Have the more modern Princes of England ruled the Empire worse because of their many-sided phases of intellectual activity? Was Michael Angelo an indifferent architect because he was a sculptor and painter? Is Sir James Paget the worse surgeon because he is the most finished speaker in England? Depend upon the man of many parts, wisely balanced, but multiplies his advantage towards, attaining his goal and proves the better workman in that he cultivates the various gifts Nature bestowed upon him. Therefore, be your employment at the desk or the workshop, you will find your work become more and more a joy to you the more you exert; your knowledge and cultivate your abilities. "In what direction am I to cultivate my abilities, as I have discovered no bent in my inclinations?" By attendance at such a Society as this propose to be, you will

find that you attend more regularly when certain subjects come up for discussion or lecture. If you enjoy debate you will involuntarily find tongue for your belief; if science is more attractive, you will be drawn towards it as a needle to a magnet. "But what scope is there for developing my talents?" Scope! If oratory be your bent, I can promise you an audience the entire world. Through the medium of the press, if you so wish, your words can reach the furthest end of the earth. Instead of a few street loafers such as listened to Socrates and by whom his words have reached us through all these dim centuries, I can promise you in this room an audience that in point of actual knowledge, not necessarily of education, Athens could never have dreamt of as attainable. Preachers, lawyers, physicians, teachers, graduates in arts and philosophy, architects, engineers, merchants and those skilled in many branches of science are your audience. Have you the skill to catch their ear? "But my indications tend towards science and there is nothing here but a bare and barren island." By that statement I do not believe you have grasped the first principles of science. No land is barren to the investigation of nature. Why, the very stones laugh with abundance of interest! the very clay that clothe your boots is one of the most interesting products of the earth, for it is in it Kao or China clay?—the name and material of that porcelain we call "china." The herbs and flowers around you are budding with the interest of rarity; the air is replete with wondrous and but little known insects and birds; the sea teems with fish that have never been investigated, and with shells whose inhabitants have found no exponent. The charge of barrenness is past, a fruitful field lies at your feet, you want but the magic touch of science to perceive a tongue in every component of nature. Before laying this subject let me remind would-be scientists that the mere collecting of insects, moths, beetles, or specimens of any living thing is not furthering the ends of science. It is neither instructive nor is it an education. It is but indulging the instinct of destruction implanted in mankind and it works evil to the character of the individual by encouraging needless cruelty. As Cowper says, "I would not enter on my list of friends the man who needlessly sets foot upon a worm." When the collector brings his specimen to the scientists and has a name attached thereto, he has received instruction; but when the collector looks carefully at his object, compares it with others, and by reference to books or catalogues himself finds its place in the scale of nature, then he watches its life history, its metamorphosis and its reproduction, he is educating himself. Therefore we have three kinds of collectors: one who practise needlework, a second who may receive instruction only by his labour, and a third who is receiving education in that he thinks out his subject. A third and by many before me now considered the most important use of a literary society is the opportunity it gives to acquire the power of speaking in public. The platform has assumed so important a function now—days that it may be said to have created the necessity for the Youth of England educating themselves in the art of speaking. In every town and hamlet of Britain are societies under various names where opportunities are given for men to express their political or social views. The platform is but comparatively recent creation. When George the Third ascended the throne in 1760 platform addresses or hustings speeches as they were termed were but in their infancy. It seems impossible to us now—days to believe that mass meetings are but a thing of yesterday, and that the public orator is a recent creation. The English Revolution of 1688 was not brought about by large meetings nor by hustings speeches. The French Revolution of a hundred years ago was fomented and carried to a climax without mass meetings. The first time meetings of the kind became usual was during the Corn Law commotion in England in 1842, and it is only since then that platform oratory has become a constant power in the land. In the year 1834 Mr. Fawcett wrote to Lord Melbourne that "His majesty deprecated the practice of giving great dinners which are a sort of political assembly; and he also objects to 'inerterian' speeches, particularly by individuals holding high office." Inerterian specifying has, however, grown to such a pitch that even the railway carriage as it slacks its pace is converted into a platform from whence to enounce political opinions to crowded meetings, by "individuals holding the highest offices." Still the faculty of speech is far behind the art of writing. By the pen the poet, the novelist, the dramatist can produce marvels of beauty and wondrous flights of rhetoric, but the art of speaking as compared with the art of writing is yet in its infancy. Which is the more powerful? It is the individuality of the speaker, if he has any, that makes lectures, sermons, political speeches, ay! after-dinner speeches attractive. The actor must be on the stage, not heard through a telephone. The singer must be seen, it is not sufficient that the sweet sounds be merely transmitted by a phonograph. 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LATEST QUOTATIONS

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank.—110 per cent, prem, ex. div., sellers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £8,10, paid up, 35 per cent, div., sellers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$150 per share, buyers.
The N. & C. of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—\$3, buyers.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$30, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—24 per cent, premium, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent, premium, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent, premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$83 per share, sellers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$57 per share, sellers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 105 per share, sales and buyers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$100 per share, sales and buyers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—\$100, sellers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$30 per share, sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$82 per share, ex. div., buyers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$24 per share, sales and buyers.
China and Manilla Steam Ship Company—20 per share, sellers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—50 per cent, discount, sales and sellers.
Douglas Steamship Company—\$37 per share, sellers.
The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—70 per cent, premium ex. div., sales and sellers.
Gen. Fawcett & Co., Limited—\$16 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$21, sales and sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$50.
The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
The Shanghai Hotel Co., Limited—\$3 per share, sales.
Punlung Mining Co.—\$4 per share, sales and buyers.
The Raft Gold Mining Co., Limited—50 cents per share, buyers.
New Tinlur Mining Co., Limited—10 cents, nominal.
The Himalaya Gold Mining Co., Limited—nominal.
Société Fin. et Géol. des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$10 per share, sales and buyers.
The Jelbou Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$3 per share, sales and buyers.
The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—4 cents per share, sellers.
London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$12, nominal.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$15 per share, sales.

WINDSOR HOTEL.

Mrs. Baird and child. Mr. J. R. Joyce.
Mr. and Mrs. Best. Mr. A. Meurant.
Mrs. Blanchard. Hon. N. G. Mitchell.
Mr. J. F. Boulton. Innes.
Major & Mrs. Chapman. Mrs. Mitchell-Jones.
Capt. N. Dodd. Capt. and Mrs. Morris.
Mr. S. I. Danby. Mr. Ch. E. Nicholas.
Mrs. Dodd. Lt. F. A. Morris, U.S.N.
Lt. W. E. Fatio, U.S.N. Mrs. Morris.
Mrs. Eaton. Miss Morris.
Lt. W. V. Eberle, U.S.N. Mr. P. Oatman.
Mrs. Elton. Mrs. Perkins.
Master Eberle. Mr. and Mrs. Pigott.
Mr. G. Engel. Mr. F. J. Richardson.
Mr. W. Evans. Captain Revesbeck.
Vice-Corral P. Gavan. Mrs. and Mrs. Salabell.
niles. Mr. John Smith.
Rear Admiral D. B. Mr. A. M. Thomas.
Harmony, U.S.N. Captain A. Tillet.
Mrs. D. B. Harmony. Mr. A. Trant.
Mrs. McHattie. Mrs. Tufnell.
Mrs. McHattie. Mr. & Mrs. C. Watling.
Miss McHattie.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

HIROSHIMA MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,052 H. Walter, and March.—Salon 24th Feb., Sugar.
TAISANG, British steamer, 1,305 H. W. Hogg, 2nd March.—Wuhu 23rd Feb., and Shanghai 25th, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
CASS, Chinese steamer, 1,105, J. Slessor, 2nd March.—Keelung 24th Feb., Camphor.—Order.
CHING-PING, Chinese steamer, 524, H. Cowle, 1st March.—Canton 1st March, General.—C. E. & M. Co.
CHINING, British steamer, 3,000, J. Innes, 1st March.—Sydney 4th Feb., Morton Bay 1st, Townsville 10th, Cooktown 11th, Thursday Island 12th, and Port Darwin 20th, General.—Butter, eld & Swire.
CHOWKUN, British steamer, 1,194, R. C. D. Bradley, 27th Feb.—Saigon 22nd Feb., Rice and Paddy.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
DIAMOND, British steamer, 1,030, Thom, 3rd March.—Penang, and Singapore 23rd Feb., General.—Chinese.
FORMOSA, British steamer, 674, T. Hall, 3rd March.—Tamsui 28th February, Amoy 1st March, and Swatow and, General—D. Lippard & Co.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN, British steamer, 3,003, Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R., 3rd March.—Vancouver 9th Feb., Yokohama 23rd, Kobe and Shanghai 28th, General.—C. P. Railway Co.
MINIMON, British steamer, 826, B. Branch, 3rd March.—Sandakan 26th Feb., Timor and General.—Butterfield & Swire.
BERNALD, British steamer, 1,286, C. K. McIntosh, R.N.R., 3rd March.—Saigon 26th Feb., Rice and Paddy.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
FUSUN, Chinese steamer, 1,504, Lancaster, 2nd March.—Canton 3rd March, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
CHOWWA, British steamer, 1,057, F. W. Phillips, 3rd March.—Bantam 24th Feb., Rice and Paddy.—Doddwell, Calli & Co.
HEBEI, Norwegian steamer, 1,664, F. W. Clausen, 1st March.—Maul 23rd Feb., Coal.—Order.
KUM, Norwegian steamer, 1,104, D. Hagemann, 1st Feb.—Batum 5th Feb., Kerosene Oil.—Blackhead & Co.
KUTSANG, British steamer, 1,445, W. Hall Jackson, 28th Feb.—Calcutta 11th Feb., Penang 17th, and Singapore 22nd, Opium and General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
LENNON, British steamer, 1,327, W. Ward, 2nd March.—Saigon 25th Feb., Rice and Paddy.—Doddwell, Calli & Co.
LOKSANG, British steamer, 1,028, N. Moncur, 28th Feb.—Samarang 16th Feb., Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
ORINIA, British steamer, 419, 23rd, May.—Singapore 10th May / laid up.—Chinian.
PAKSHAN, British steamer, 835, J. Jenkins, 10th Feb.—Swatow 18th Feb., Ballast.—H. Hop. Hong.
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EXCHANGE.
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Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/50.
ON INDIA—
T. T. 2/21.
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ON SHANGHAI—
Bank, T. T. 7/1.
Private, 10 days' sight 7/24.

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2 children and maid. Mr. H. P. Wilkinson.

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SHIPPING IN HONGKONG

STEAMERS.
ALWINN, German steamer, 400, C. Petersen, 18th Feb.—Pahkoh 15th Feb., and Holhaw 17th, General.—Wieland & Co.
ASAGAO, Japanese steamer, 1,521, H. Selck, 1st March.—Nagasaki 23rd Feb., Coal.—Mitsui Busan Kaisha.
BORNEO, Dutch steamer, 1,490, J. S. Theselissen, 2nd March.—Batavia 20th Feb., Sugar.—Lauts, Wegener & Co.

CASS, Chinese steamer, 1,105, J. Slessor, 26th Feb., Keelung 24th Feb., Camphor.—Order.

CHING-PING, Chinese steamer, 524, H. Cowle, 1st March.—Canton 1st March, General.—C. E. & M. Co.

CHINING, British steamer, 3,000, J. Innes, 1st March.—Sydney 4th Feb., Morton Bay 1st, Townsville 10th, Cooktown 11th, Thursday Island 12th, and Port Darwin 20th, General.—Butter, eld & Swire.

CHOWKUN, British steamer, 1,194, R. C. D. Bradley, 27th Feb.—Saigon 22nd Feb., Rice and Paddy.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DIAMOND, British steamer, 1,030, Thom, 3rd March.—Penang, and Singapore 23rd Feb., General.—Chinese.

FORMOSA, British steamer, 674, T. Hall, 3rd March.—Tamsui 28th February, Amoy 1st March, and Swatow and, General—D. Lippard & Co.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN, British steamer, 3,003, Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R., 3rd March.—Vancouver 9th Feb., Yokohama 23rd, Kobe and Shanghai 28th, General.—C. P. Railway Co.

MINIMON, British steamer, 826, B. Branch, 3rd March.—Sandakan 26th Feb., Timor and General.—Butterfield & Swire.

BERNALD, British steamer, 1,286, C. K. McIntosh, R.N.R., 3rd March.—Saigon 26th Feb., Rice and Paddy.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

FUSUN, Chinese steamer, 1,504, Lancaster, 2nd March.—Canton 3rd March, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

CHOWWA, British steamer, 1,057, F. W. Phillips, 3rd March.—Bantam 24th Feb., Rice and Paddy.—Doddwell, Calli & Co.

HEBEI, Norwegian steamer, 1,664, F. W. Clausen, 1st March.—Maul 23rd Feb., Coal.—Order.

KUM, Norwegian steamer, 1,104, D. Hagemann, 1st Feb.—Batum 5th Feb., Kerosene Oil.—Blackhead & Co.

KUTSANG, British steamer, 1,445, W. Hall Jackson, 28th Feb.—Calcutta 11th Feb., Penang 17th, and Singapore 22nd, Opium and General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LENNON, British steamer, 1,327, W. Ward, 2nd March.—Saigon 25th Feb., Rice and Paddy.—Doddwell, Calli & Co.

LOKSANG, British steamer, 1,028, N. Moncur, 28th Feb.—Samarang 16th Feb., Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

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SAFETY VESSELS.

BANDANIER, British 4-masted schooner, 1,775, J. G. Jones, 11th Feb.—New York 14th October, Kereros Oil—Captain.

BIRMA, German bark, 1,420, F. Hulmann, 12th Jan.—Nagasaki 22nd August, Petroleum.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CHARON/WATTANA, Siamese bark, 64, G. Koch, 7th Feb.—Bangkok 28th Dec., Wood.—Chinese.

CHURCHROW, British bark, 472, W. Butlin, 24th Dec.—Fremantle 10th October, Sandalwood.—Fremantle & Co.

COLAMA, American bark, C. M. Noyes, 7th Feb.—Portland 26th Nov., and Honolulu 29th Dec., Timber and Spars.—Captain.

HARVARD, American bark, 925, L. A. Colcord, 15th Nov.—Singapore 21st Oct., Timber.—Captain.

HELEN BREWER, Hawaiian ship, 1,516, A. W. Newell, 24th Jan.—New York 17th June, and Manila 13th Jan., Oil.—Order.

PAPA, German bark, 745, T. W. Thom, 17th Jan.—Cardiff 14th Sept., Patten Fuel and Coke.—Order.

VELOCITY, British steamer, 401, K. Martin, 25th Feb.—Honolulu 18th Jan., General.—Chinese.

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